

Enterprise Shared Services

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On Demand Publishing Component

All development and internal testing for the latest version of On Demand Publishing (ODP) component has been completed. The ODP component has been successfully tested in the OCIO managed Stellent environments. We are scheduling deployment of ODP to other agency Stellent environments. Some important fixes done with this version of ODP include

- Publishing from Workflow
- Adding metadata to all center content

For full detail, you can download the ODP release notes from the shared services website at <http://sharedservices.usda.gov/sss/main/whatsnew.jsp>

WebSphere and Portal 6.1

We are in the final stages of the build out of WebSphere 6.1 environments (development, preproduction and production). We are troubleshooting some open issues and also looking into upgrades of Linux Operating system that would leverage the dynamic functionalities of WebSphere 6.1. It is planned to initially deploy the Enterprise Shared Services (ESSS) application and migrate it through all the WAS 6.1 environments. Once the ESSS application has been successfully tested and migrated to production environments, migration of customer applications will begin. It is the goal of ESS to migrate customer applications "as-is" (current functionality) to the 6.1 environments and shut down the 5.0.2 environments. It is requested that any additional functionality be implemented after the applications has been migrated to the 6.1 environments. Agencies will be provided a guide for deploying applications in the new WAS 6.1 environments.

The build out of WebSphere Portal 6.1 environments have not yet begun. Currently, WebSphere Portal 6.1 is still being tested internally in a Proof of Concept environment.

Google Search Appliance Upgrade

We have received new Google 5005 and 1001 search appliances (GSA). All public facing website search customers have been moved to the new Google 5005 search appliance. The GSA is a seamless upgrade so it should not affect any customer searching. If you are experiencing any issues with your search functionality, please contact the ESS Business Relationship Team. We are currently validating the 1001 appliance for crawling, serving and eAuthentication integration. Once internal testing has been successfully completed, we plan to migrate all 1001 Google customers to the new appliance.

Web 2.0

Web 2.0 is coming to USDA. The ESS team is currently researching how websites within ESS can benefit from Web 2.0. For more information on Web 2.0, visit the following Web sites

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_2.0

<http://www.webdesignfromscratch.com/web-2.0-design-style-guide.php>

We would like to hear from you on your thoughts about Web 2.0. We have established a Web 2.0 forum within the ESS SharePoint site.

<http://www.sharepoint.egov.usda.gov/ESS/Lists/Web20/AllItems.aspx>

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